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(U) Fresno – Arrest Made After Shooting Threats at Multiple High Schools

(U) An arrest has been made after a man made several school shooting threats on Monday, Fresno police said. The suspect, Jose Luis Castaneda, 23, allegedly attempted to conceal his identity and phone information when making threats of a campus shooting at Edison High School, Fresno High School, and Bullard High School. Detectives were able to identify Castaneda as the suspect and was taken into custody. He was booked into Fresno County Jail for three counts of felony criminal threats.

SOURCE: 18 October 2022, [ABC 30](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – French Company Paid ISIS \$10 Million for Protection

(U) Washington – A French cement company has been charged in the United States with making \$10 million in payments to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and another terrorist group in exchange for the protection of its plant in Syria, the Department of Justice said yesterday. Lafarge paid ISIS and the al-Nusrah Front from August 2013 to October 2014 when ISIS was carrying out kidnappings and beheadings, and transmitting waves of propaganda designed to inspire terrorist attacks against innocent civilians, prosecutors said. The company pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist group and agreed to pay a financial penalty of \$778 million. While no individuals have been charged, Justice Department officials said the investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 18 October 2022, [NBC News](#)

(U) New York – Mass Shooting Suspect Radicalized by Fringe Social Media: NY Attorney General

(U) Buffalo – A report released yesterday by the New York Attorney General's office slams dark web platforms for "radicalizing" the teenage suspect in the racially motivated Buffalo grocery store mass shooting that left ten people dead. State Attorney General Letitia James released the report, alleging several online platforms played roles in the 14 May mass shooting by radicalizing the suspect, Payton Gendron, as he consumed voluminous amounts of racist and violent content, and then by allowing him to broadcast the deadly attack. The report found anonymous, largely unmoderated websites and platforms, like 4chan, allegedly influenced Gendron. It also said livestreaming platforms like Twitch were "weaponized" to publicize and encourage copycat attacks.

SOURCE: 18 October 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – More than 100 Haitian Migrants Found on Island Near Puerto Rico

(U) Isla de Mona – More than 100 Haitian migrants have been found on an uninhabited island near Puerto Rico, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said yesterday. The group of migrants includes 63 females, three of whom are pregnant, and 41 males, who were found on Mona Isla by park rangers working for the Puerto Rico Department of Environment and Natural Resources, CBP spokesman Jeffrey Quinones said. "What we know preliminarily is that they were transported in just one vessel," Quinones said in a telephone interview. Smugglers frequently use Mona Island as a drop-off point for vessels

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leaving the Dominican Republic, and often tell migrants that they've reached Puerto Rico even though Mona Island is uninhabited and inhospitable, he said.

SOURCE: 18 October 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Cybersecurity Chief Out Amid Reports of Russia Ties

(U) Berlin – The head of Germany's national cybersecurity agency has been dismissed following reports of possible ties to Russian intelligence, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. The ministry said that Arne Schoenbohm was dismissed as head of the BSI agency following the allegations, which “damaged the necessary confidence of the public in the neutrality and impartiality” of his management, German news agency DPA reported. Schoenbohm co-founded a cybersecurity group a decade ago that brings together experts from public institutions and the private sector. German media have reported that one of its members was a company founded by a former Russian intelligence agent, which the group said last week that it had thrown out. There is growing concern in Germany that the country’s critical infrastructure might be targeted by Russia because of Berlin’s support for Ukraine in the war.

SOURCE: 18 October 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Ukraine – Iran Sends Drone Trainers to Aid Russian Military

(U) Crimea – Iran has sent trainers from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to occupied Ukraine to help Russians overcome problems with the fleet of drones that they purchased from Tehran, according to current and former US officials briefed on the classified intelligence, a further signal of the growing cooperation between Iran and Russia since Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine. The Iranian trainers are operating from a Russian military base in Crimea where many of the drones have been based since being delivered from Iran. The IRGC is a branch of the Iranian military designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States.

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